

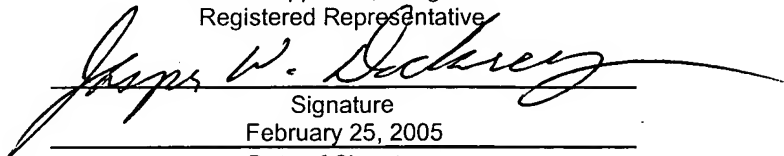
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Case No. 6555/427

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LANDERS et al.

Serial No.: 10/790,957

Filed: March 1, 2004

For: SELECTION MANIFOLD FOR  
BEVERAGE DISPENSER

Previously Examiner:  
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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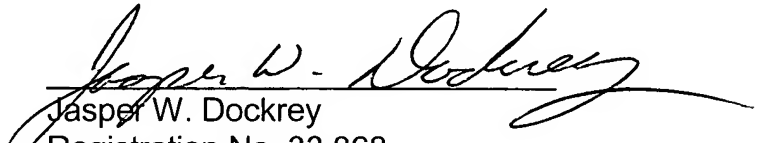
Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 14, 2005, in the above-referenced case, the applicants' claims were subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121. The applicants' claims were further identified as belonging to seven different species. In the restriction requirement, the species are identified by the grouping the figures of the drawing.

The applicants elect the species identified in the Office Action as Group III, Species C for prosecution. Species C has been associated with FIGs. 18-22. The applicants hereby identify claims 1-6, 20-22, 24, 28-34, 36-43, 45-48, and 50-52 as being drawn to the device illustrated in FIGs. 18-22.

Claims 4, 7, 23, and 24 have been identified by the Examiner as generic claims. Two of the claims in the species C group (claims 4 and 24) have been identified as generic. The applicants acknowledge that, under 37 C.F.R. 1.141(a), if a generic claim is allowed, the restriction requirement will be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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